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510(k) Summary

1. Submitter Name, Address, and Date of Submission.

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2. Name of the Device, Common, Proprietary (if Known), and Classification.

Classification Name: Catheter Introducer

Common Name: Introducer

Proprietary Name: TFX Medical Introducer Assembly

3. Identification of the legally marketed device to which the submitter claims equivalence.

The TFX Medical Introducer Assembly is substantially equivalent to the Burrton Tear-Away Sheath Introducers and Daig Corporation Introducer Set.

4. Description of the Device.

The TFX Medical Introducer Assembly consists of a Sheath/Dilator Assembly.

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5. Intended Use of the Device.

The TFX Medical Introducer Assembly will be used to provide access to the venous system for device entry, when used in conjunction with additional percutaneous entry devices.

6. Summary of Technological Characteristics.

The TFX Medical Introducer Assembly is substantially equivalent to the predicate devices, since the basic features, designs and intended uses are the same. The differences between the TFX Medical, Incorporated devices and the predicate devices raise no new issues of safety and effectiveness, as these design differences have no effect on the performance, function or intended use of the devices.



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Food and Drug Administration
9200 Corporate Boulevard
Rockville MD 20850

Mrs. Julie A. Beaumont
TFX Medical, Inc.
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Re: K993191
TFX Medical Introducer Assembly
Regulatory Class: II (two)
Product Code: DYB
Dated: January 14, 2000
Received: January 18, 2000

Dear Mrs. Beaumont:

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) notification of intent to market the device referenced above and we have determined the device is substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to legally marketed predicate devices marketed in interstate commerce prior to May 28, 1976, the enactment date of the Medical Device Amendments, or to devices that have been reclassified in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act). You may, therefore, market the device, subject to the general controls provisions of the Act. The general controls provisions of the Act include requirements for annual registration, listing of devices, good manufacturing practice, labeling, and prohibitions against misbranding and adulteration.

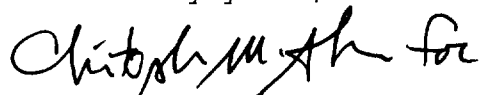
If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (Premarket Approval), it may be subject to such additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 895. A substantially equivalent determination assumes compliance with the Current Good Manufacturing Practice requirements, as set forth in the Quality System Regulation (QS) for Medical Devices: General regulation (21 CFR Part 820) and that, through periodic QS inspections, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will verify such assumptions. Failure to comply with the GMP regulation may result in regulatory action. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register. Please note: this response to your premarket notification submission does not affect any obligation you might have under sections 531 through 542 of the Act for devices under the Electronic Product Radiation Control provisions, or other Federal laws or regulations.

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This letter will allow you to begin marketing your device as described in your 510(k) premarket notification. The FDA finding of substantial equivalence of your device to a legally marketed predicate device results in a classification for your device and thus, permits your device to proceed to the market.

If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801 and additionally 809.10 for in vitro diagnostic devices), please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4648. Additionally, for questions on the promotion and advertising of your device, please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4639. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21 CFR 807.97). Other general information on your responsibilities under the Act may be obtained from the Division of Small Manufacturers Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 443-6597, or at its internet address "<http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/dsma/dsmamain.html>".

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chitph M. Th for.", is written over the typed name.

James E. Dillard III
Director
Division of Cardiovascular,
Respiratory, and Neurological Devices
Office of Device Evaluation
Center for Devices and
Radiological Health

Enclosure

510(k) Number (if known): _____

Device Name: TFX Medical Introducer Assembly

Indications for Use:

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Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

Prescription Use X

OR

Over-The-Counter Use _____

(Per 21 CFR 801.109)

Chitra S. Ghosh for Dallas
(Division Sign-Off)

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